GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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TRAINED PILOTS FOR LOW VISIBILITY FOGGY CONDITIONS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airlines which are not having pilots trained for flying in low visibility foggy conditions;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to make them fully trained for such conditions; and

(c) the stern message being passed on to these airlines in case of non-compliance of such conditions by them before the winter schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Air India Charters Limited, Airline Allied Services Limited, Blue Dart Aviation Limited and Paramount Airways are not having pilots trained in low visibility foggy conditions.

(b) & (c):- Air India Charters Limited, Airline Allied Services Limited, Blue Dart Aviation Limited and Paramount Airways have been advised to upgrade their aeroplanes and train their pilots for operations in low visibility conditions. Their flight schedules are approved on the basis of number of pilots trained by the operators for low visibility operations and the suitability of the planes for such operations. Airlines who do not train their pilots for CAT-II/III operatinos, shall not be scheduled to operate to/from IGI Airport during winter season when low visibility operations are expereienced.